

We do not need a new ICBM to provide a robust deterrence. The existing MMIII can serve until 2040 with one more life extension, which is technically feasible. Lieutenant General Richard M. Clark, then-Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, noted in testimony before the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives that we have “one more opportunity” to conduct life extension on the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile, indicating the technical feasibility of extending the Minuteman III missile.

Other independent experts have confirmed the feasibility of a MMIII life extension. In fact, the Air Force intends to do just that. It will upgrade and extend the life of existing MMIII missiles while it is replacing others with the GBSD. The swap out plan is an admission that the life extension is not only possible but has already been factored into the existing plan.

Maintaining and upgrading the current Minuteman III missile is technically possible, and according to a 2017 CBO report, it would cost \$37 billion less than developing and deploying the GBSD through 2036.

Budget analysts who watch Pentagon budgets have warned that an unaffordable “bow wave” would occur as the Pentagon plans to upgrade every weapon system at the same time. Former Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson noted in December 2020, “the next fiscal year (FY22) will see a steep increase in the cost of refurbishing our nuclear deterrent, and with a flat budget, the Air Force can’t do this without crushing its ability to handle all of its other missions.” The current leadership of the military must answer the question, “What critical weapon, defense system, or benefit for the troops and their families could be funded with the \$37 billion saved by pausing the GBSD Missile program?”

Any discussion of the GBSD and the MMIII must include the question “Do we need ICBM’s sitting in 400 silos in the upper midwest to have an effective deterrent?” There is a powerful argument that they are not necessary. The bomber fleet, together with America’s Trident II D5 Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles, can deliver several times more nuclear bombs to any part of the globe than the 400 silo-based ICBM’s. Moreover, it is argued that the silo-based ICBM’s are inherently dangerous because their location is known and they must therefore be launched within minutes of notification of a nuclear attack or be lost to an incoming missile attack.

In every ICBM silo lies the existential risk of a false alarm or a miscalculation. Both have happened in the past but fortunately the errors were discovered in time to save human life on our planet. Bombers can be recalled and subs cannot be found as they hide in the oceans, thereby providing critical time for a thoughtful and fully informed decision before pressing the button.

The ICBM Act bill will strengthen our national security and save billions of tax-payer dollars by:

Prohibiting the use of funds for the GBSD program and W87–1 warhead modification program for fiscal years 2022 through 2031;

Extending the service life of the Minuteman III missiles until at least 2040, and requiring use of nondestructive testing methods and technologies similar to those used by the Navy for Trident II D5 SLBMs; and

Transferring back to the Air Force all unobligated funds for the GBSD program, and transferring unobligated funds for the W87–1 warhead modification program from the National Nuclear Security Administration to the Treasury.

I shall end this with a personal memory of a visit to a United Kingdom submarine that was about to deploy with 16 ICBM’s and multiple nuclear bombs. The captain took great pride in his ship and its role in deterrence. As we were leaving the sub I asked him, “Suppose you are ordered to launch your missiles and their nuclear bombs. You follow the order and launch your missiles. Then what do you do? Go home? To what?” He did not reply.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 28, 2021, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 186, YEA on Roll Call No. 187, and NAY on Roll Call No. 188.

#### NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM ACT

### HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I was unaware that the National Children’s Museum was linking to resources that may promote critical race theory or its principles when I initially became a cosponsor. I oppose H.R. 1703 because I do not support using taxpayer dollars for these purposes.

#### REPLACEMENT OF BUST OF ROGER BROOKE TANEY WITH BUST OF THURGOOD MARSHALL

SPEECH OF

### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2021*

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to shed some light on history.

In 1854, members of the Whig Party met to begin discussions on a new political party—the primary platform being the abolition of slavery.

The idea spread like wildfire, and just six years later, the newly formed Republican Party successfully elected their first President, Abraham Lincoln.

Republican leadership fought to eradicate the scourge of slavery, defeat the racist Southern Democrats, and forge a new future for America where all were equal—no matter the color of their skin.

Republicans, as the Speaker of the House so eloquently explained earlier, voted to pass the 14th amendment to give Black Americans the right to vote. Against the will of the Demo-

crats. This history is integral to the discussion we’re having today, as the men who fought to perpetuate slavery, impose racist policies, and oppress newly freed Black Americans were all Democrats.

Now, the Democrats of today don’t want you to know that.

They’ve worked hard to hide their history and supplant the accurate story of their party with the narrative of the Democratic savior. What they’re attempting to do today is further bury their racist past and hide it from the American people.

I represent Tulsa, a city that knows something about Democrats hiding their past. Just this month, we observed 100 years since the horrific race massacre that destroyed Black Wall Street and killed hundreds of Black Tulsans. These attacks were orchestrated by Oklahoma Democrats and subsequently hidden by Oklahoma Democrats for decades, until we began to seek out the truth.

Tulsa no longer hides this shameful part of our history. Under Republican leadership, Tulsa has worked hard to honor the memories of the race massacre victims and share the accurate history of the horrific, racist attack that took place 100 years ago.

We are stronger now because of our commitment to shine a light on our history . . . even the painful pieces. We do not hide it, obfuscate it, or rewrite it—like my Democratic colleagues are attempting to do today.

There are men on display in the Capitol Building who did terrible things. They should never have been placed in such positions of prominence, but it was Democrat leaders at the state level who sent them here. Many such states are now working to remove their statues under the proper process, led by Republican leaders at the state level.

Congressional Democrats are attempting to usurp the authority given to our states and claim it as a moral victory for themselves.

For the statues and busts under Congressional jurisdiction, I fully support efforts to remove terrible men from positions of prominence, but I cannot justify usurping power from the states—states that are already working to rectify the decisions made generations ago by racist Democrats.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposition to this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD F. SALADINO

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Donald F. Saladino. Donald passed away on June 1, 2021. Donald was a Veteran of the United States, a loyal family-oriented son, a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a friend.

Donald was born on August 5, 1927 in Fresno, California. He spent his youth dedicated to the Catholic church, as he attended St. Alphonsus Catholic School and served as an altar boy. While attending Edison High School, he found passion in basketball, where he was recruited to play for the New York Knicks. However, with his strong family bonds, Donald decided to stay at home, where he became a

part of his family's grocery store as a butcher and where he found the love of his life, Anna.

Donald's love for family extended to a global level where he decided to serve for people around him. In 1945, Donald joined the Merchant Marines. In 1946, he was drafted into the Army, and while stationed in Berlin, he joined the marching band, where they performed for all U.S. dignitaries and service personnel. In 1951, he joined the Navy Reserves where he was discharged in 1955.

Donald was an outstanding talent in the kitchen. Using his family recipes that were brought over from the Calabrese region of Italy, he began to make their special family sausages in 1944. Saladinos Catering was created with Anna by his side working just as much as Donald did. He connected with the San Joaquin Valley through his dishes and by providing employment for students from his local high school, San Joaquin Memorial. In 1980, his son Craig, joined the family business and to this day, Saladino's Foodservice has continued to have the same quality and standards set forth by its founders.

Donald spent his time donating to various charities, organizations, and philanthropic purposes. Amongst spending quality time with his wife, he enjoyed several activities with his family and close friends. Donald had many memories in the kitchen and creating dishes for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ranging from hosting parties, catering events, traveling and exploring the world with Anna and their close cousins. He loved his family and his two children. Donald always reminded his family to never forget where they came from and how important it was to have strong values, ethics and wisdom. He spent his entire life fulfilling his family traditions of providing for his family through food, well into the last weeks of his life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Donald F. Saladino. His service and contributions will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Donald's life.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 193, YEA on Roll Call No. 194, NAY on Roll Call No. 195, and NAY on Roll Call No. 196.

#### REMEMBERING RICHARD ADAM STOMBRES

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Richard Adam Stombres.

Richard Adam Stombres  
September 24, 1936–June 19, 2021

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Richard A. Stombres passed away at Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona on June 19, 2021. He was born on September 24, 1936 in Aurora, Illinois to Adam H. Stombres and Frances May Jeffers Stombres.

The Stombres family, including Richard and his younger brother Don, moved from Illinois to Phoenix in 1946. His youngest brother Glenn and his sister Patrice were both born in Phoenix. Richard graduated from West High School in 1954. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, Arizona State University, and Boston University where he earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. While he would live in many places throughout his life, he always considered Arizona to be his home.

Richard joined the Army in 1961 and faithfully served his country for 28 years as an Infantry Officer. He was a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Ranger School, the Airborne Course, the Pathfinder Course, the Marine Amphibious Warfare School, and the Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant Stombres was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky when he met Vickie M. Hayes from Clarksville, Tennessee. They were married at Fort Campbell in 1961. Lieutenant Stombres was sent to Vietnam in 1963 where he served as a Military Advisor to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam until July of 1964 when he was wounded in action. He would go on to serve a second tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 where he was attached to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV).

Upon his return from Vietnam, Richard was stationed at numerous bases around the world including Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Ord, California; Frankfurt, Germany; the Pentagon; and AFCEC HQ in Brunssum, the Netherlands. Dick and Vickie's two boys, Richard and Steven were born in 1969 and 1970 when then-Major Stombres was serving in the Army's Old Guard and stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Richard was the recipient of the Bronze Star medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal with 5 Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation, the Ranger Tab, the Airborne Badge, and numerous other ribbons and decorations.

Richard married Joan Giambruno of Glen Cove, New York in March of 1984. After retiring from the Army, Richard was able to work in the furniture business with his brother Don. He also indulged the other passion of his life, teaching. He and Joan lived in West Hartford Connecticut; Seal Beach, California; Havre-de-Grace, Maryland, and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Richard eventually returned home to Arizona. In 2012, Richard married Nancy Huemoeller of Lanesboro, Pennsylvania who described him as "The Best Husband in the World." They lived in Mesa, Arizona where they were active members of the Central Christian Church of Arizona. Richard and Nancy loved to go dancing, travel, and visit family.

Richard was preceded in death by his father Adam, his mother Frances, his brother Glenn, and his wife Nancy.

Richard is survived by his son Richard, Jr. (Heather) Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia; his son Steven (Kristen) Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia; his brother Donald (Grace) Stombres of Scottsdale, Arizona; his sister Patrice Babcock of Moorpark, California, and his grandchildren Katherine Stombres, Elaine Stombres, Abigail Stombres, Samuel Stombres, and James Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia.

Richard lived a long and wonderful life full of love and laughter. He was a devout Christian, faithful servant to his country, a loving husband, a caring brother, and wonderful father. We will miss you every day.

Condolences may be left on Richard A. Stombres online guest book at [www.sonoranskiesmortalityaz.com](http://www.sonoranskiesmortalityaz.com).

#### 16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2021*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Eleven years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Sergeant Aaron Bowling, and Detectives Tyler Ackerman and John Jones, Jr., of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Associate Service Award: Director Matoaya Wimbley of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Corporal Christopher P. Slowick of the Florida Highway Patrol; Sergeant Dino Murges, Detectives Derek Pollock and Raymond Richter of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Assistant State Attorneys Dawn Buff and Courtney Hollen of the 12th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office; Lieutenants Adam Kaskey and Jamesa Tose, Sergeants Don Bennett, Sam Lutz and Ray White, Deputies John Albee, Mark Eve, Wida Law, Phil Lucia, Grace Luh, Dean Pappas, Teodora Perez, Luis Reyes, Neftali Santos, Daniel Schenck, Rod Stewart, Deb Stookey, Mark Truskowski, Ray Vlek and John Wenzel, Civilian Lou Wolf, Detectives Hayden Gallof and Brendan Keats, Chief Pilot Brent Wineka, Pilots David Bouffard, Chirs Laster and Stephen Shull (posthumous), Mechanics Arthur Grassia and Douglas Wenz, and Radio Technician Steve Duza of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Detective Eddie Howell of the Sarasota Police Department; Manager Valerie Knight of the Bradenton Police Department; Major Daniel Kaufman of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Joseph (Chris) Panichello of the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority.

Preservation of Life Award: Officers Paul Gagnon, Jared Lawhead, David Roberts and Cody Stanaland of the Sarasota Police Department; Sergeant Keith Noordzy, Deputies Keith English, Tyler Lewis, Donald Mays, Jacob Merrill, Deborah Perry, Jonathan Rubi, Todd Seillitto and Patti Smith of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.